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Note verbale dated 19 August 2002 from the Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia and, in reference to the request contained in the latter's note dated 30 May 2002 concerning resolution 1408 (2002), adopted by the Security Council on 6 May 2002, in particular paragraphs 1, 5 and 15, has the honour to forward herewith the response of the concerned authority in the State of Qatar in this respect.

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Annex

Response of the authority concerned in the State of Qatar to the request contained in Security Council resolution 1408 (2002) of 6 May 2002

The State of Qatar is not one of the States producing arms of all types including small arms within the meaning of paragraph 5 of the above-mentioned resolution.

Moreover, under article 1 of Act No. 14 of 1999 concerning arms, ammunition and explosives, the possession, acquisition, trafficking, importation or manufacture of arms are not permitted, and article 27 prohibits the transfer of arms or ammunition from one party to another without a permit. Under articles 40, 46, 47 and 49 of the Act, anyone who obtains, possesses or manufactures arms or explosives for the purposes of trade or smuggling, or brings arms or explosives into the country without a permit, is liable to a term of imprisonment.

In addition to the above, the Ministry of the Interior is tightening up procedures at the various access points and on the frontiers of the State by strengthening the security presence and enhancing the effectiveness of arrangements for inspection, security and protection in order to prevent the illicit smuggling of any arms from or across the country.

With respect to paragraph 7 (a) of the resolution, the Ministry of the Interior has distributed a list of Liberian officials subject to the resolution to the relevant authorities in order for them to ensure that none of those officials enter the country.